

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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Welcome to Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran!

To Our Visitors

We offer you a very warm welcome to Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran! We are happy to have you worshipping with us and hope that your worship here today and the Word of God that is shared will assist you in the week ahead. If you are looking for a church home, we hope that you would prayerfully consider making Chapel of the Cross that home. May God bless your week!

Nursery

If you need to take your infant or toddler out of the worship service, the nursery is available for your use. The worship service is broadcast to the nursery. An usher will be happy to show you where it is located.

Sunday School and Bible Study

We have an exciting Sunday School program for children age 2 and up. We also offer Bible studies for youth and adults at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School rooms are in the Lower Level. Check the Chapel Weekly handout for Bible study locations. An usher will be happy to take you to the appropriate place.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated regularly and often here at Chapel of the Cross. If you have questions about Holy Communion and what we as a church believe about it, please speak with the Pastor before the service. Children are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing.

Sound Enhancement Devices

If you are hearing impaired there are sound enhancement devices available. Please ask an usher for a personal receiver.

The Mission of Chapel of the Cross

Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran exists to show the love of Jesus to the people of North County and beyond so that all may have a living relationship with Christ.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

November 17, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Please note: This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

PRELUDE

“Voluntary in C Major”

ed. by Richard Peck

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EXCHANGE OF PEACE

It is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some may choose not to shake hands during the Exchange of Peace, but might simply greet you with a verbal greeting, a wave, or a smile.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father:

People: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy.**

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.**

- 4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.**

- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **O God, Your Son came into the world to destroy the works of the devil and to make us Your children and heirs of eternal life. When He comes again with power, make us like Him, for we shall see Him as He is, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 12:1–3

(The time of the end)

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 16

Pastor: Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

Pastor: As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

People: The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

Pastor: LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Pastor: I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

People: I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

People: because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

Pastor: You have made known to me the path of life;

People: you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

(The full assurance of faith)

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. ¹³ Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, ¹⁴ because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

¹⁷ Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-13

(Signs of the end of the age)

¹ As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

² "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

⁵ Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. ¹² "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³ All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

508 The Day is Surely Drawing Near

- 1 The day is surely drawing near
 When Jesus, God's anointed,
 In all His power shall appear
 As judge whom God appointed.
 Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
 And flames on flames shall ravage earth
 As Scripture long has warned us.

- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound
 And all the earth be shaken,
 And all who rest beneath the ground
 Shall from their sleep awaken.
 But all who live will in that hour,
 By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
 Be changed at His commanding.

- 3 The books are opened then to all,
 A record truly telling
 What each has done, both great and small,
 When he on earth was dwelling,
 And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
 And all be known as they have been
 In thoughts and words and actions.

- 6 **May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.**
- 7 **O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.**

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

+++ Special Intercessions +++

Each concluding: Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

During the offering, please sign the Record of Fellowship found at the end of each pew

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

setting by Jonathan Reuss

Please stand

OFFERTORY

526 You are the Way; Through You Alone

**1 You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.**

**4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.**

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PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

509 Christ is Surely Coming Bringing His Reward

POSTLUDE

“2. Flight” (from EIGHT)

Charles Ore

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

Find a devotional guide on the readings at www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Theodore Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Samuel Wondemu
	11:00 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Sandy Otto
	11:00 a.m.	Edem Ekpo
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Nyla Hill
	11:00 a.m.	Eve Zvirgzdins
Soloist:	5:00 p.m.	Lynda Christian
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	Craig Schlichtmann	

